

ST KILIAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Ní Neart Go Cur le Chéile

Imlitir 15 (Newsletter)

Mí Aibreán

School Roll No: 19608V Principal: Rónán Mac Namara Deputy Principal: Breeda Kenny.



As you may be aware our dear friend and former teacher in St. Kilian's N.S. Ms. Eimear Gilroy died on Saturday February 18th this year. Eimear's Requiem Mass was celebrated in Athboy. It was attended by school staff, along with some parents and past pupils from St. Kilian's.

We will now have a Memorial Mass for Eimear in St. Kilian's Church, Mullagh on Friday 19th May at 7pm. This will give our school and the wider school community an opportunity to pray for Ms. Gilroy. All pupils, past pupils and parents are very welcome to attend.

Free schoolbooks for all primary school pupils.

From September 2023, schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for children in primary schools, including special schools, will be provided to every child free by their school.

There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs.

Schools must prioritise the use of the funding to cover all costs of textbooks, workbooks and copybooks. The schoolbooks and workbooks will be on loan to the children. They must be returned at the end of the school year, or if the child leaves the school. It is important that books are kept in good condition so they can be re-used. Please help make sure your child/children keep the school books safe and takes care of them, so they can be used again by another child. There may be a requirement for parents to buy some additional items for children to use at school. All children in the class will have access to the schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks that they need.

The fee charged for the Arts and Crafts and photo copying will be reduced to €30 from €50 with a €5 reduction for each subsequent sibling.

Rainbow Mufti Day for Autism Awareness Day.



We made a figure of 8 representing SameChance for World Autism Day



A Dancing Break for Autism Day. Looks like another '10' for Mr. Mac Namara

Rainbow Run For Funds

This year's Run for Funds will take place on Friday the 16th of June. We will launch our campaign on Monday the 8th of May beginning our 6 week training programme.

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we are aiming to use t-shirts from previous years, to create a Rainbow Run For Funds theme.

Children are asked to bring into school a Run For Funds t-shirt from a previous year that still fits them. Their teacher will collect the multi-coloured t-shirts and store them in the classroom in preparation for the big day. The deadline for t-shirts being sent in is **Friday the 5th of May.**

We will host a 'Swap Shop' in school for anyone who still requires a tshirt after this date.



Peru Drama Fearann an Mhullaigh

We have been learning about Peru in third class. You can watch our drama on the school website <https://stkiliansnsmullagh.ie/> you'll find our link near the bottom of the homepage.

This is a 'must see' rated 5 stars!

School Rules. Help Us to Manage Our School. We are now focusing on Rule 7. Pupils must do Oxford Reading Tree every night for homework. Their reading record must be signed every day and returned to school. Reminder cards will be issued for those who forget.

Amendments to our Code of Behaviour. A small number of pupils have arrived at school wearing fake nails in recent weeks. This was particularly noticeable after Confirmation. Fake

nails, jewellery, etc... are not allowed at school. They are a hazard for children playing freely in the yard, playing ball games, engaging in any activity incorporating fine motor skills, and taking part in PE. We will monitor this situation closely over the coming weeks.

The following amendments are proposed for our Code of Behaviour. Make up including fake nails and fake tan are not permitted at school. Pupils may wear shorts in the warmer weather. Shorts must be navy and can be tailored or football shorts. Commercial logos are not permitted.

Pupils with long hair must have it tied back at school.

I welcome comments or suggestions on this topic from parents to rmacnam12 @gmail.com.

[Curriculum Help Us to Help Your Child at School.](#)

Numeracy

Growth Mindset and Problem Solving. 3rd + 4th Class

I'm brilliant at this!

Growth Mindset: I embrace challenge. Think about what this message means before you try the problem.

Here is a problem for 3rd/4th. Use **R.U.D.E.** to solve it.

Charlie's house is 0.6km away from Rebecca's house. Olivia's house is 1.0km away from Rebecca's house. Lucy's house is half way between Olivia's and Charlie's.

How far away is Lucy's house from Rebecca's house?

Pupils may leave their answers in a box outside the principal's office. Any pupil who embraces the challenge will be entered in a raffle for a prize. We will reward the effort not the correct answer.

Gaeilge

Gaeilge Neamh: Téama: An Aimsir.

Cen lá inniu ann? Inniu An _____. (What day?)

Cén mí atá ann? (Month)

Cén séasúr atá ann? An tEarrach (Season)

Cén sort aimsire ata ann? fluich/tirim..... (Weather)

Línte Gníomhaíochta: Bigí ag foléimt ar feadh nóiméid, go mall, níos tapúla, chomh tapa agus is féidir libh. Anois fannaigí i bhur seasamh chomh díreach le gáinne ag féachaint romhaibh.(2/3) *Crouch down and spring up.*



Literacy

Listen to your child's ORT every night and sign the reading record.

Dates for your diary.

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| Closures | |
| Fri 31 st March to Mon 17 th April | Easter Holidays. |
| Mon 1 st May | Bank Holiday |
| Fri 2 nd June | Half day closure for Primary Language Curriculum staff training. |
| Monday 5 th June | Bank Holiday |
| Friday 16 th June | Run for Funds |
| Friday 23 rd June | Summer Holidays |

Please note full day closure on Friday 2nd June for staff training.

Certainly Not Fair Weather Supporters



3rd Class pupils out in force to see their teacher help Cavan win the Division 4 title.

Board of Management Report to Parents.

Meeting held on Tues. 25th April.

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| <p>Vote of Sympathy</p> | <p>Former teacher Eimear Gilroy died since our last meeting. We will have a Memorial Mass on Friday 19th May at 7pm in St. Kilian's Church. We have collected for IKA. The board will add to the sum collected.</p> |
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| Child Safety Statement | The Child Safety Statement was reviewed for 2023/24. This will be shared with all relevant parties as outlined in the statement. |
| Child Protection Risk Assessment | Risk Assessment was reviewed for 2023/24. Amendments are reflected in the new statement. |
| Checklist for Review | A Checklist for Review was worked through by the board. |
| Financial Report | Our treasurer presented an up to date financial report. |
| Free school books for all primary school pupils. | This scheme will commence in September. The school will receive €96 per pupil. A parental fee for arts and crafts and photocopying was agreed. |
| Principal's Report | |
| Level 9 Course for Children who are dealing with loss. | Sanction was given for a member of staff to undertake this course, comprising of 2 modules a) Understanding Children and Loss. b) Addressing Loss Issues with Children. |
| School Improvement Plans and curriculum. | Focus on Numeracy and Local History this year. Run for Funds preparations have commenced. |
| School Ethos | Crosses were made for St. Bridget's Day. Pupils received ashes and attended Mass during Lent. Confirmation, First Confession and Communion have taken place. Thank you to Fr. Paul and the teachers. |
| Amendment to our Code of Behaviour | Proposal to include the following was adopted: Makeup including fake nails and fake tan are not permitted at school. Pupils may wear shorts in the warmer weather. Shorts must be navy and can be tailored or football shorts. Commercial logos are not permitted. Pupils with long hair must wear it tied back. |
| Spraoui Swing Set | €1,200 approved. It will be installed in the Spraoui yard. |
| Summer Programme | Sanction for July Provision for 4 weeks and summer programme for primary classes for 3 weeks. |

Junior Infants

The boys and girls in An Mullach have certainly been working up an appetite as they learn about all things 'Food'. So far this term, we discussed our favourite kinds of food (pizza,pasta,chicken and potatoes to name a few) and where certain foods come from.

We also learned about how important it is to have a balanced diet and how healthy foods give us energy and help us to concentrate in school. We loved learning about and creating our own shopping lists and menus. As well as this, we learned about items that are suitable for composting and recycling.

We then let our creative spark and imagination run wild when we set up our very own restaurant called "Luigi's" during our structured play time. The service was exceptional and the food was also quite cheap!



We decided to create a giant pizza sprinkled with lots of toppings such as cheese, pepperoni, olives, ham and Ms. Corrigan's favourite- pineapple!



Some of us ventured out of our comfort zones and tasted these toppings yesterday when we made delicious pizzas! Mr. Mac Namara was quick to accept Henry's invitation to come and join the fun! :-)



To make things more interesting, we then decided to make butter using just one ingredient-cream! It was hard work trying to separate the buttermilk from the butter! What a busy few weeks we've had in Junior Infants!